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## LETTER TRANSMITTING DECLARATION

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371 (copy enclosed), dated March 24, 2000, in the above-identified application, enclosed herewith is the Declaration for filing in the above-identified application. The late surcharge was previously mailed with the filing fee on January 24, 2000.

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Please make the Declaration of record in the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1540. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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